## CALIFORNIA GAMBLING CONTROL COMMISSION

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# MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2008 COMMISSION MEETING

## **OPEN SESSION**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Shelton called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call of Commissioners.

Roll Call of Commissioners was taken with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu, and Vuksich present.

3. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes for August 23, 2008.

Upon motion of Commissioner Schmidt, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the August 23, 2008 Commission meeting minutes.

4. Request for Temporary Initial State Gambling License (Pursuant To Business and Professions Code Section 19824(f):

Wine Country Restaurant & Casino: Lodi Cardroom, Inc.

John Park, Shareholder
Chris Ray, Shareholder
Unallocated, Shareholder
Stephen Snider, Shareholder
Jack Morgan, Shareholder
Margaret Lewis, Shareholder
Thomas Newton, Shareholder
James DeMera III, Shareholder

Acting Deputy Director Littleton indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the temporary initial state gambling license for the period of October 1, 2008 through February 28, 2009 with the seven following conditions:

- 1. The temporary initial license takes effect on the date that the Commission approves the request and expires February 28, 2009. If more time is needed to complete the background process, then the temporary state gambling license can be extended for an appropriate amount of time after consultation with the Bureau.
- 2. Issuance of a temporary initial gambling license does not obligate the Commission to grant a permanent license. Issuance of a temporary license does not create a vested right in the holder to either extension of the temporary license or to a regular license.
- 3. Issuance of a temporary initial gambling license does not in any way change the legal requirement that the applicant bears the burden of establishing that he/she is suitable pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19856(a) for a regular license.
- 4. Issuance of a temporary initial gambling license does not change the license qualification requirements of the Gambling Control Act, including but not limited to Business and Professions Code sections 19856, 19857, 19858, and 19859.
- 5. The applicant has pending applications for regular state gambling licenses. A regular license may or may not be issued, depending upon the results of the complete background investigation and upon the conduct of the applicant and its employees during the term of the temporary license.
- 6. If, during the term of the temporary initial gambling license, the Executive Director determines that any particular applicant is disqualified for any of the reasons set forth in Business and Professions Code section 19859, the Executive Director shall prepare an order to show cause why that applicant's temporary license should not be cancelled, which shall be considered at the first available noticed Commission meeting. The applicant may address the Commission by way of an oral statement at the noticed Commission meeting and/or may submit documents in support of the temporary licensure not less than five days prior to the meeting. The applicant may request an evidentiary hearing either in writing not less than five days prior to the meeting or at the meeting itself.
- 7. If, during the term of the temporary initial gambling license, the Executive Director determines that any particular applicant may have violated one or more of the conditions under which the temporary license was issued, the Executive Director shall prepare an order to show cause why that applicant's temporary initial gambling license should not be cancelled, which shall be considered at the first available noticed Commission meeting. The applicant may address the Commission by way of an oral statement at the noticed Commission meeting and/or may submit documents in support of the temporary licensure not less than five days prior to the meeting. Either in writing not less than five days prior to the meeting itself, the applicant may request an evidentiary hearing.

Chris Ray, Designated Agent, responded to Commissioner Vuksich's question concerning Mr. DeMera's notes receivable.

Commissioner Vuksich moved to adopt the staff recommendation. Commissioner Shimazu seconded the motion, which unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu and Vuksich voting yes.

Application for Approval for Initial State Gambling License Including All Associated
 Applicants and Endorsees (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19851):
 Commerce Casino: California Commerce Club, Inc.
 Marsha Gold, Contingent Beneficiary of the Anter Family Trust

Acting Deputy Director Littleton indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the initial application for Marsha Gold to be endorsed on the state gambling license.

The Commission tabled item 5 and requested staff to provide further information to address Commissioner Vuksich's concern whether the applicant had been working as a real estate agent prior to being license in 2007.

- 6. <u>Applications for Renewal of State Gambling License Including All Associated Applicants and Endorsees (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19876)</u>:
  - A. Aldo's Cardroom: Waldo Esquivel, Sole Proprietor

Acting Deputy Director Littleton indicated that staff recommended that the Commission extend the renewal license for the period of October 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009 for Aldo's Cardroom, Item 6.A. Upon motion of Commissioner Shimazu, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

B. Don Juan Club and Casino: Estate of Juan Guzman

Acting Deputy Director Littleton indicated that staff recommended that the Commission extend the renewal license for the period of October 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 and continue with the existing conditions.

David Tierney, Designated Agent, requested that the Commission issue a temporary license to the new owner so that they could move forward with securing a location for the new card room. Mr. Tierney indicated that the sale of the gambling establishment had already been completed and approved by the Commission and the new owner is already a licensed owner of other gambling establishments in the state.

Ruben Marquez presented comments that he had previously owned a club in Cameron Park and had lost his license in 1996.

Chairman Shelton moved to approve a temporary initial state gambling license for the period of October 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 with the seven following conditions:

 The temporary initial license takes effect on the date that the Commission approves the request and expires December 31, 2008. If more time is needed to complete the

- background process, then the temporary state gambling license can be extended for an appropriate amount of time after consultation with the Bureau.
- 2. Issuance of a temporary initial gambling license does not obligate the Commission to grant a permanent license. Issuance of a temporary license does not create a vested right in the holder to either extension of the temporary license or to a regular license.
- 3. Issuance of a temporary initial gambling license does not in any way change the legal requirement that the applicant bears the burden of establishing that he/she is suitable pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19856(a) for a regular license.
- 4. Issuance of a temporary initial gambling license does not change the license qualification requirements of the Gambling Control Act, including but not limited to Business and Professions Code sections 19856, 19857, 19858, and 19859.
- 5. The applicant has pending applications for regular state gambling licenses. A regular license may or may not be issued, depending upon the results of the complete background investigation and upon the conduct of the applicant and its employees during the term of the temporary license.
- 6. If, during the term of the temporary initial gambling license, the Executive Director determines that any particular applicant is disqualified for any of the reasons set forth in Business and Professions Code section 19859, the Executive Director shall prepare an order to show cause why that applicant's temporary license should not be cancelled, which shall be considered at the first available noticed Commission meeting. The applicant may address the Commission by way of an oral statement at the noticed Commission meeting and/or may submit documents in support of the temporary licensure not less than five days prior to the meeting. The applicant may request an evidentiary hearing either in writing not less than five days prior to the meeting or at the meeting itself.
- 7. If, during the term of the temporary initial gambling license, the Executive Director determines that any particular applicant may have violated one or more of the conditions under which the temporary license was issued, the Executive Director shall prepare an order to show cause why that applicant's temporary initial gambling license should not be cancelled, which shall be considered at the first available noticed Commission meeting. The applicant may address the Commission by way of an oral statement at the noticed Commission meeting and/or may submit documents in support of the temporary licensure not less than five days prior to the meeting or at the meeting itself, the applicant may request an evidentiary hearing.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schmidt and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu and Vuksich voting yes.

C. La Primavera Pool Hall and Café: Candelario Salas, Sole Proprietor

Acting Deputy Director Littleton indicated that staff recommended that the Commission extend the renewal license for the period of October 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 with the following condition: The gambling establishment will establish a repayment program for their tax obligation and provide the information to the Commission by November 30, 2008.

Commissioner Vuksich inquired about the Commission's options should the gambling establishment not submit their repayment plan. Executive Director Ciau indicated that an option would be to deny the renewal application.

Upon motion of Commissioner Shimazu, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

D. Lucky Chances Casino: Lucky Chances, Inc.
 Rommel Medina, Chief Executive Officer
 Ruell Medina, Secretary

Acting Deputy Director Littleton indicated that staff recommended that the Commission extend the renewal license for the period of October 1, 2008 through November 30, 2008 with the following five conditions:

- 1. Rene Medina shall be prohibited from entering, being present in, or in any way patronizing Lucky Chances Casino.
- 2. The General Manager of Lucky Chances shall inform in writing all current shareholders, corporate officers key employees, and work permit holders of the above condition (condition no. 1) within two business days of the date that the above condition is imposed by the Commission and shall maintain records documenting this action for four years. All future shareholders, corporate officers, key employees, and work permit holders shall also be informed of the prohibition by the General Manager within one business day of their start date. The General Manager shall maintain records documenting this notification to new employees, etc., for four years following each notification.
- 3. Ruell Medina and Rommell Medina, licensed as shareholders in Lucky Chances, Inc., shall each be individually responsible for ensuring that all conditions placed on the Lucky Chances license are fully complied with, including but not limited to duties placed upon the General Manager.
- 4. If Rene Medina is observed at any time by any employee entering, or being present in Lucky Chances Casino or any associated business, the General Manager or manager in charge shall within 30 minutes telephone (1) the California Gambling Control Commission (Commission), and (2) the Department of Justice, Bureau of Gambling Control (Bureau). The call to the Commission shall be made to the Executive Director at (916) 263-0700. The call to the Bureau shall be made to the Bureau Chief at (916) 263-3408.
- 5. Any business related communication between Rene Medina and any shareholder or employee of Lucky Chances shall be disclosed to the Executive Director and to the Bureau Chief within one business day of the communication. This disclosure requirement applies to both oral and written communications. This disclosure must be made in writing. The General Manager shall maintain records documenting each disclosure for four years following the disclosure.

Rod Blonien, attorney for Ruell and Rommell Medina, presented comments to the Commission concerning the conditions proposed by staff and indicated that he thought the

proposed conditions were over-reaching, punitive, and in the extreme since there is no evidence that Rene Medina has done anything to influence the operation of the club. Mr. Blonien presented the following proposed condition as an alternative: *Any attempt by Mr. Rene Medina to significantly influence any shareholder or employee of Lucky Chances shall be disclosed to the executive director and to the Bureau chief within one business day of the communication. This disclosure requirement applies to both oral and written communications. This disclosure must be made in writing. The general manager shall maintain records documenting each disclosure for four years following the disclosure.* 

Edward Ord, attorney for Rene Medina, presented comments to the Commission stating that Rene Medina had not yet been convicted of a felony and if the Commission decided to ban Rene Medina from the Lucky Chances Casino then they would like to submit a brief to the Commission.

Reverend James Butler, California Coalition Against Gambling Expansion, presented comments to the Commission indicating that he believed that staff has done a good job, in their proposed recommendation, in establishing a clear cut separation between Rene Medina and any possible influence he may have with the gambling establishment. Reverend Butler further indicated that he would hope that in the near future the owner of Lucky Chances Casino would be required to fully divest any and all financial interest ties of the cardroom with Mr. Rene Medina.

Commissioner Shimazu moved to extend the renewal license for the period of October 1, 2008 through November 30, 2008 with the following five conditions:

- Rene Medina shall be prohibited from entering, being present in, or in any way
  patronizing (a) the areas within Lucky Chances Casino in which controlled
  gambling is conducted and (b) any other areas related to the gambling operation
  such as count and surveillance rooms, including all of the second floor.
- 2. The General Manager of Lucky Chances shall inform in writing all current shareholders, corporate officers key employees, and work permit holders of the above condition (condition no. 1) within two business days of the date that the above condition is imposed by the Commission and shall maintain records documenting this action for four years. All future shareholders, corporate officers key employees, and work permit holders shall also be informed of the prohibition by the General Manager within one business day of their start date. The General Manager shall maintain records documenting this notification to new employees, etc., for four year following each notification.
- 3. Ruell Medina and Rommell Medina, licensed as shareholders in Lucky Chances, Inc., shall each be individually responsible for ensuring that all conditions placed on the Lucky Chances license are fully complied with, including but not limited to duties placed upon the General Manager.
- 4. If Rene Medina is observed at any time by any employee entering, or being present in, (a) the areas within Lucky Chances Casino in which controlled gambling is conducted or (2) any other areas related to the gambling operation, such as count and surveillance rooms, the General Manager or manager in charge shall within 30 minutes telephone (1) the California Gambling Control Commission (Commission), and (2) the Department of Justice, Bureau of Gambling Control

- (Bureau). The call to the Commission shall be made to the Executive Director at (916) 263-0700. The call to the Bureau shall be made to the Bureau Chief at (916) 263-3408.
- 5. Any communication between Rene Medina and any shareholder or employee of Lucky Chances concerning the operation of the Lucky Chances cardroom business shall be disclosed to the Executive Director and to the Bureau Chief within one business day of the communication. This disclosure requirement applies to both oral and written communications. This disclosure must be made in writing. The General Manager shall maintain records documenting each disclosure for four years following the disclosure.

Commissioner Vuksich seconded the motion, which unanimously carried in vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioner Schmidt, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes.

7. <u>Application for Approval for State Gambling License Including All Associated Applicants and Endorsees– Request to Withdraw (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19851):</u>

Commerce Casino – Karen Freitas Leslie Aliotti

Acting Deputy Director Littleton indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the request, without prejudice, for withdrawal of the application for a state gambling license for Karen Freitas and Leslie Aliotti. Upon motion of Commissioner Vuksich, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

8. Conversion of Endorsed Key Employee Licenses to Personal Portable Licenses (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854(d)):

Sandra Selzer Phyllis Caro Clarissa O'Brien Marieclaire Moulet-Demery Alexander Augusta Carlos Lazo Ronnie Blackwell James Heinemann Angela Bennett Paul Chilleo II **David Edwards** Taro Ito **Joel Tonies** Andres Gomez Virginia McMahan Jeanne Wong Joan Curato Thomas Candy William Swint, Jr. DeWayne Gatewood Tracy Edwards Eleanor Gonzales Sammy Grande, Jr. David Hiraga Nathan Deming Soosemea Masina Brian Lin Patee McGuire George Monsoor Lucrecia Ramirez Alonzo Johnson Jacob Weiss Hong Liang Monica Schoenfelder Kevin Kindlespire Jeremy Dreher Scott Muchow Kevin Corso Garret Williams Daniel Dreher James Flannery Matthew Fries Alice Ousley Judy Chin **Aubrey Rogers** William Fung Erle Mankin, Jr. Matthew Gouge Dennis Wade Emery Jakobi April Common Michael Penn Steven Ashmore Jan Beverley Terri Caldwell Leila Calamia Seng Yang John McIntyre Michael Whiteley, Sr. Brian Klarman

Randalph Fuentes Prasert Pettaveporndei Michelle Miller Brandon Gordon Karlo Deza Ricardo Lugo Peter Tulik Robert Turner Robert Oliver Peleg Broner Wayne Hirao Robert Stone William Hudson Allan Wasserman Warren Tai Martin Andreatta Keith Slaton Hoa Nguyen Milton Cadinha John Tibbetts III Larry Thomas John Larosa, Jr. Richard Stuchiner James Smith Gary Bondy Charles McCormick, Jr. Kathleen Elmstrom Sam Uribe Craig Sadowski Catherine Aganon Vencent Caballero William Roberts Steve Numoto Elizabeth Tongson Dominador Villanueva Henry Tang Charles Skidmore Chen Ngo Tom Tran Naseem Salem William Juroff Sabrina Konia Steven Sands Allan Mendoza Ronald Dreith Cuong Thich Jeff Sardella Dan Thich Timothy Hamrick Leonard Getzler Veronica Marquez-Zeller Richard Nelson **Gregory Ward** John Williams Jack Rubsam Richard Weissmann Bettina Felix Shelley Robbins Fred Plummer Stefanie Saechao William Kracht Sean Clark Patricia Abelt Mike Henry Jack Remington Johnny Silveira Srinivas Cherukuri Cody Hutchings Jason Ingle Craig Dooley Linda Silva **Donald Everitt** Victor Ramos, Jr. Maile Souza-Bridge Kelly Souza Edgar Alley Hung Sun Binh Tang Paul Ecoffey Jack Miller Richard Boyd, Jr. Alecia Alvarez Rebecca Midgley

Acting Deputy Director Littleton indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the conversion of the endorsed key employee license to a personal key employee license for the applicants listed in Item 8. Upon motion of Chairman Shelton, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

9. Applications to Convert Gambling Business Owner Registration to a License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19853 and California Code of Regulations, Title 4, section 12233):

Gaming Fund Group, Inc.: Gaming Fund Group, Inc., a Nevada Corporation William Schipani – President, Secretary, Treasurer Gamesource. LLC

10. <u>Applications to Convert Third Party Provider of Proposition Services Owner Registration to a License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984 and California Code of Regulations, Title 4, section 12218)</u>:

Gaming Fund Group, Inc.: Gaming Fund Group, Inc., a Nevada Corporation William Schipani – President, Secretary, Treasurer Gamesource, LLC

The Commission considered Item 9 and Item 10 together.

Acting Deputy Director Littleton indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the application to Convert Gambling Business and Third Party Provider of Proposition Services Registration to a License for the licensure period of September 23, 2008 through September 30, 2010 with the following five conditions:

- Gaming Fund Group, Inc. will not provide third-party proposition player services to, or operate as a gambling business at S&S Gaming dba Club Caribe until S&S Gaming, Inc. has repaid in full all outstanding loans owned to Gambling Fund Group, Inc and/or Game Source, LLC.
- 2. Gaming Fund Group, Inc. and Game Source, LLC will provide a copy of the reconveyance to the Commission and Bureau when S&S Gaming, Inc. has repaid in full the loans owed to Gaming Fund Group, Inc. and Game Source, LLC.
- 3. Vincent Shaw must submit an application as an owner for a third-party provider of proposition player services registration and a conversion from registration to license package within 90 days of September 23, 2008.
- 4. Houshang Pourmohamad will be issued a temporary license for 90 days, awaiting the outcome of case number 4:06-CR-005550SBA; and, shall send a copy of any disposition of the case to the Commission and the Bureau within 10 days of the disposition; or, extend the registration for Houshang Pourmohamad through October 1, 2008, pending the withdrawal of his investment in Game Source, LLC.
- 5. Gaming Fund Group, Inc., Game Source, LLC. and TAJA Enterprises must submit requested documents and information as requested by the Commission and Bureau to determine if Mr. Aiello's role in the business interests should be discontinued in order to ensure compliance with the Gambling Control Act. The documents and information will be submitted within 45 days of the date of the request. Once the documents and information is reviewed by the Commission and Bureau, the Commission reserves the option to consider any additional required conditions that should be included in Gaming Fund Group Inc's. licensure.

Keith Sharp, Attorney for Gaming Fund Group, Inc. and Jade Jaeckle, Designated Agent, presented comments to the Commission concerning the proposed conditions. Mr. Sharp indicated that Vincent Shaw had submitted his application as required in the third condition and further indicated that his clients would prefer that the Commission consider the alternate condition that Mr. Pourmohamad's registration be extended through the end of the month at which time he would withdraw his investment in Game Source, LLC. Mr. Sharp indicated that he would provide to the Commission Mr. Pourmohamad's request to withdraw from Game Source LLC. Mr. Sharp further indicated that he felt that condition number five was unnecessary. When the Commission inquired about James Aiello and what is his role with

Gaming Fund Group, Inc., Mr. Sharp advised the Commissioners that Mr. Aiello has no influence on the operation of Gaming Fund Group, Inc.

Discussion among the Commission ensued regarding Mr. Aiello's involvement in TAJA Enterprises and whether that business interest with Gaming Fund Group, Inc. and Gaming Source, LLC should be discontinued to ensure compliance with the Gambling Control Act. Because of this concern, the Commission expressed their wish to extend the registration through the end of October to allow the parties to submit further documentation concerning Mr. Aiello and TAJA Enterprises.

Following the discussion, Acting Deputy Director Littleton indicated that staff was amending their recommendation to approve the application to Convert Gambling Business and Third Party Provider of Proposition Services Registration to a License for the licensure period of September 23, 2008 through October 30, 2008 with the following conditions:

- 1. Gaming Fund Group, Inc. will not provide third-party proposition player services to, or operate as a gambling business at S&S Gaming dba Club Caribe until S&S Gaming, Inc. has repaid in full all outstanding loans owned to Gambling Fund Group, Inc and/or Game Source. LLC.
- 2. Gaming Fund Group, Inc. and Game Source, LLC will provide a copy of the reconveyance to the Commission and Bureau when S&S Gaming, Inc. has repaid in full the loans owed to Gaming Fund Group, Inc. and Game Source, LLC.
- 3. Extend the registration for Houshang Pourmohamad through October 1, 2008, pending the withdrawal of his investment in Game Source, LLC.
- 4. Gaming Fund Group, Inc., Game Source, LLC. and TAJA Enterprises must submit requested documents and information as requested by the Commission and Bureau to determine if Mr. Aiello's role in the business interests should be discontinued in order to ensure compliance with the Gambling Control Act. The documents and information will be submitted within 45 days of the date of the request. Once the documents and information is reviewed by the Commission and Bureau, the Commission reserves the option to consider any additional required conditions that should be included in Gaming Fund Group Inc's. licensure.

Upon motion of Chairman Shelton, seconded by Commissioner Shimazu and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

11. <u>Applications to Convert Third Party Proposition Player (TPPP) Registration to a License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984 and California Code of Regulations, Title 4, section 12218):</u>

A. Network Management Group, Inc.:

Julie Hall Michael Hong Daniel Juarez
Alice Leung Jason Napier Mey Saephanh

B. Lucky Star Gaming, Inc.

Bao Chen Sik Leung Chu Tam Phally El Guang Liang Hua Zhou Wan Huang Ling Liang Wen Zhou

Tao Jiang Wei Liang

Acting Deputy Director Littleton indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the applications to convert TPPP registration to a license for the individuals listed in Items 11.A. and 11.B. Upon motion of Commissioner Vuksich, seconded by Commissioner Shimazu and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

12. <u>Cancellation of Regular Third-Party Player Registration (Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 4, section 12205):</u>

Gaming Management, LLC: Chad Urquhart

Acting Deputy Director Littleton indicated that staff recommended that the Commission cancel Chad Urquhart's TPPP registration. Upon motion of Commissioner Schmidt, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

- 13. Applications for Request to Convert Third Party Proposition Player (TPPP) Registration to a License Request to Withdraw (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984 and California Code of Regulations, Title 4, section 12218):
  - A. California Gaming Consultants: Jenny Thirakul
  - B. Gaming Fund Group, Inc.: Brandon Bishop
  - C. Pacific Gaming Services, LLC.: Kelly Sullivan

Acting Deputy Director Littleton indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve, with prejudice, the requests for withdrawal of the applications to convert TPPP registration to a license for the individuals listed in Items 13.A. through 13.C. Upon motion of Chairman Shelton, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

14. <u>Applications for Initial Tribal-State Compact Gaming Resource Supplier Finding of Suitability (Authority Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.5)</u>: JCM American Corporation dba JCM Global:

Thomas Nieman, Sr. Vice-President of Operations
John Garner, Sr. Vice-President of Finance & Administration

Acting Deputy Director Littleton indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the applications for an initial finding of suitability for the period of September 23, 2008 through July 31, 2009 for the individuals listed in Item 14. Upon motion of Commissioner Schmidt, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

15. <u>Application for Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability – Request to Withdraw (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19869)</u>: River Rock Casino - Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians: Brandon Buckley

Acting Deputy Director Littleton indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve, without prejudice, the request for withdrawal of the application for Initial Tribal-State Compact key employee finding of suitability for Brandon Buckley. Upon motion of Commissioner Vuksich, seconded by Commissioner Shimazu and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

- 16. <u>Applications for Renewal Work Permit (Authority Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19870):</u> Merced Poker Room: Sor Xiong
- 17. Applications for Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability (Authority Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.4):
  - A. Cache Creek Casino Resort Rumsey Indian Rancheria of Wintun Indians:
     David Lew
  - B. Cahuilla Creek Casino Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians of the Cahuilla Reservation: Jennifer Mispagel
  - C. Chumash Casino Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation: Henry Stewart
  - D. Gold Country Casino Berry Creek Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California: Michael Massa
  - E. Harrah's Rincon Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians: Terry Dunavan
  - F. Pala Casino Pala Band of Mission Indians: Jesus Debaran
  - G. Pechanga Resort and Casino Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation: Julian Thompson
  - H. Soboba Casino Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians:
    - Peter Harrison Blendi Shehu
  - I. Sycuan Casino Sycuan Band of Diegueno Mission Indians: Mark Rose, Jr.
  - J. Tachi Palace Hotel & Casino Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria: Robert Boudah Erik Herrin
  - K. Thunder Valley Casino United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria: Deloris Geer
  - Valley View Casino San Pasqual Band of Digueno Mission Indians:
     Mark-Anthony Nagal
- 18. <u>Applications for Renewal Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability</u> (Authority Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.4):
  - A. Bear River Casino Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria:

    Justin Ciarabellini Arlys Stedmar
  - B. Cache Creek Casino Resort Rumsey Indian Rancheria of Wintun Indians:

Frank Brown Claudio Capra II Laurence Cellucci Phillip Chau Robert Codarre John Cresap

Walter Gimeno May Dizon Michael Duong Sompoch Helsel Kijung Hong Phillip Kang Tanya Munoz Russell Kinney Tone Mayoral Rosalyn Neville Jacqueline Newbre Hungze Pham Pha Reach Phath Reach Charles Saetern Robert Scrivener, Jr. Quincy Sertaangh **Aaron Simmons** Sayan Smith Randall Takemoto Sonyye Sith Yougun Tence Terry Tiet **Elizabeth Torres** Connie Saysettha Vongvilay Tsun-Kai Young

Venethongkham Alvin Zayas

C. Cahuilla Creek Casino – Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians of the Cahuilla Reservation:

Nancy Hicks Patty Thomas

- D. Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians: Sherri Mottshaw
- E. Chumash Casino Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:

Donald Candy Jennifer Fera

F. Harrah's Rincon – Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians:

Matthew Kime Ruth Ritchie Leslie Schmitz

G. Jackson Rancheria Hotel & Casino – Jackson Rancheria Band of Miwuk Indians:

Huy Dang Deborah Ruggles John Turney

Christopher Walker Michael Zito

H. Mono Wind Casino – Big Sandy Rancheria Band of Western Mono Indians: Elizabeth Kipp

- Morongo Casino Resort & Spa Morongo Band of Cahuilla Indians of the Morongo Reservation: Muriel Ferrante
- J. Pala Casino Pala Band of Mission Indians:

David Atkins Michaele Chav Annette Espiritu Esther Gradiz Elvera Phillips Surjit Singh

K. Soboba Casino - Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians:

Will Fry Arturo Loza

- L. Spotlight 29 Casino Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians: Rosa Esparza
- M. Tachi Palace Hotel & Casino Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria: Phiangphak Kiaosouvath
- N. Valley View Casino San Pasqual Band of Digueno Mission Indians: Farrah Fink Angelina Granillo Katharine Laird
- O. Viejas Casino & Turf Club Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians: Cindy Sottero
- P. Win-River Casino Redding Rancheria: Christopher DeCamp

Acting Deputy Director Littleton indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve Consent Calendar Items 16, 17, and 18. Upon motion of Commissioner Shimazu, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

# **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rod Blonien presented comments concerning the moratorium on state gambling license and urged the Commission to move forward with the rulemaking process on dormant license.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Shimazu, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and unanimously carried in a roll call vote, with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.